## DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY \*Mescal Fire\*

WHEREAS, on June 02, 2021, a wildfire, subsequently named the Mescal Fire, started within Gila County; and

WHEREAS, the fire has burned more than 66,000 acres and continues to burn with 23% containment; and

WHEREAS, the remote and rugged location of the fire continues to cause challenges to supporting firefighting operations; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is authorized to declare an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 26.303(D).

NOW, THEREFORE I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, do hereby determine that this situation justifies a declaration of a State of Emergency, pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303(D), and I do hereby:

- 1. Declare that a State of Emergency exists in Gila County, due to fire damage, effective June 02, 2021 and continuing; and
- 2. Direct that the sum of up to \$200,000 from the general fund be made available to the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management to be expended in accordance with A.R.S. § 35-192, A.A.C. R8-2-301 to 321, and Executive Order 79-4; and
- 3. Direct that the State of Arizona Emergency Response and Recovery Plan be used to direct and control state and other assets and authorize the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management to coordinate state assets.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

GOVERNOR

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this ninth day of June in the Year Two Thousand Twenty-one and of the independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Fifth.

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Secretary of State